MEMORANDUM

TO: Norma Allewell
   Dean, College of Life Sciences

FROM: Victor Korenman
       Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Change the Name of the College of Life Sciences to the College of Chemical and Life Sciences (PCC Log No. 04019)

Chancellor Kirwan has approved changing the name of the College of Life Sciences to the College of Chemical and Life Sciences. Enclosed is a copy of the letter from the Chancellor and a copy of the approved proposal.

The change is formally effective July 1, 2005.

VK:sfm
Enclosure

Cc: Dr. Sylvester J. Gates, Chair, Senate PCC
    Ms. Sarah Bauder, Student Financial Aid
    Dr. Lisa Bradley, College of Life Sciences
    Dr. Mary Giles, University Senate
    Ms. Barbara Hope, Data Administration
    Ms. Trudy Lindsey, Graduate Studies
    Dr. Phyllis Peres, Undergraduate Studies
    Ms. Anne Turkos, Archives
    Dr. Linda Yokoi, Records & Registrations
DATE SUBMITTED: November 1, 2004

COLLEGE/SCHOOL: College of Life Sciences

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM:

PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD _______ DELETE _______ CHANGE X

DESCRIPTION (Provide a succinct account of the proposed action. Details should be provided in an attachment. Provide old and new sample programs for curriculum changes.)

Change the name of the College of Life Sciences to the “College of Chemical and Life Sciences”

JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES (Briefly explain the reason for the proposed action. Identify the source of new resources that may be required. Details should be provided in an attachment.)

See Attached.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES

1. Department Committee Chair

2. Department Chair

3. College/School PCC Chair

4. Dean

5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)

6. Chair, Senate PCC

7. Chair of Senate

8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost

DATE

11/8/04

11/9/04

11/12/04

11/10/05

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January 10, 2005

Dr. C.D. Mote, Jr.
1101 Main Administration Building
University of Maryland, College Park
College Park, MD 20742

Dear President Mote:

Thank you for forwarding the request from University of Maryland, College Park to change the name of the College of Life Sciences to the College of Chemical and Life Sciences. I am delighted to approve this change. Please express my appreciation to departmental faculty for their careful work in planning for this change.

Sincerely,

William E. Kirwan
Chancellor

cc: Dr. Irwin Goldstein
    Dr. Gertrude Eaton
    Dr. William Destler
    Dr. Victor Korenman
MEMORANDUM

December 8, 2004

To: C.D. Mote, Jr., President

From: Arthur Popper, Professor of Biology and Chair of the University Senate

Subject: Proposal from the College of Life Sciences to Change its Name to the College of Chemical and Life Sciences, Senate Document Number 04-05-27

I am pleased to forward for your consideration the attached report entitled, “Proposal from the College of Life Sciences to Change its Name to the College of Chemical and Life Sciences.” The proposal was presented by Sylvester Gates, Jr., Chair of the Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee. The University Senate approved the proposal at its December 7, 2004 meeting.

We appreciate your consideration of the proposal and request that you inform the Senate Office of your decision as well as any subsequent action related to your conclusion.

Enclosure: Senate Document 04-05-27

AP/MG/am

cc: William Destler, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost
Norma Allewell, Dean, College of Life Sciences
Gene Ferrick, Assistant to the Dean, College of Life Sciences
Sylvester Gates, Jr., Chair, Programs, Curricula and Courses Committee
Mary Giles, Executive Secretary and Director, University Senate
Victor Korenman, Associate Provost, Academic Planning and Programs
Ellin Scholnick, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs
Ann Wylie, President’s Chief of Staff

Approved: [Signature]
C.D. Mote, Jr.
President

Date: 12/13/04
December 7, 2004

Chancellor William E. Kirwan  
University System of Maryland  
Elkins Building

Dear Chancellor Kirwan:

The College of Life Sciences has proposed that its name be changed to the "College of Chemical and Life Sciences." This change would reflect the important presence within the College of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Among the reasons stated for asking for the change is that a significant number of faculty members within the Department do not consider themselves to be life scientists. The proposed new name was chosen and approved through a vote of the College faculty.

The proposal has been endorsed by all of the appropriate faculty and administrative committees concerned and was approved by the College Park Senate at its meeting on December 7, 2004.

I accept this recommendation and ask that you approve the change in name of the College of Life Sciences to the College of Chemical and Life Sciences.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

C. D. Mote, Jr.  
President

CDM/vk

cc: William W. Destler, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost  
Norma M. Allewell, Dean, College of Life Sciences  
Arthur N. Popper, Chair, University Senate

bcc: Gertrude Eaton
November 1, 2004

To: William Destler
    Provost

From: Norma Allewell
    Dean, College of Life Sciences

As you are aware, in the spring of 2004, the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry requested that the College consider a name change to include Chemistry. This followed a recommendation from an external review of the department.

The principal reasons for considering a change in name are the following:

• A significant number of faculty members in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, particularly in the physical chemical group, do not consider themselves to be life scientists.

• The absence of Chemistry in the name of the College can make it difficult to locate the Department on the University’s web site and other University materials.

• The presence of “Chemistry” in the name of the College will be useful in fundraising for the College and the Department.

The College carried out an electronic straw poll in the spring of 2004 that indicated that the three top choices were: College of Chemical and Life Sciences, College of Life and Chemical Sciences, and No Change. Working together, the Dean’s Office and the College Advisory Council distributed a written ballot to all tenured and tenure-track faculty, full-time lecturers and full-time instructors. A copy of the ballot is attached.

The votes were as follows:

- College of Chemical and Life Sciences: 41 votes
- College of Life and Chemical Sciences: 27 votes
- No change: 23 votes

On behalf of the College, I therefore request that its name be changed to College of Chemical and Life Sciences.

Cc: Michael Doyle
    Victor Korenman
    Leslie Pick
Referendum on Changing the Name of the College of Life Sciences

Background: An external review committee of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry recommended in the spring of 2003 that the name of the College be changed to recognize explicitly the membership of the Department in the College. The Department subsequently requested that a change in the name of the College be considered and put to a vote. The major reasons for changing the name are the following:

- A significant number of faculty members in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry do not consider themselves to be life scientists.
- The absence of Chemistry in the name of the College can make it difficult to locate the Department on the University's web site and other University materials, particularly since our organizational structure is atypical.
- The presence of "Chemistry" in the College's name will be useful in fundraising for the College and the Department.

An ad hoc faculty committee was established in the Spring of 2004 to consider the request. Subsequently, an electronic straw poll was conducted to gain broader input about options for a name change. The College Advisory Council reviewed the results of the straw poll and recommended that the two options that received the most votes, as well as the option of "no change" be included on the ballot.

Consistent with the College Plan of Governance, a referendum of this nature must be submitted to the faculty (tenured and tenure-track faculty, full-time lecturers, and full-time instructors) for a vote. Approval of a name change requires a majority of the votes cast.

Please make one selection (A or B).

A. □ I support changing the name of the College.
   I prefer the name (please select one):
   □ College of Life and Chemical Sciences.
   □ College of Chemical and Life Sciences

B. □ I do not support changing the name of the College.

Return the ballot to Gene Ferrick in the envelope provided by October 29, 2004.